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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

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1. (currently amended) A method for improving an existing application infrastructure of an application service provider, comprising the steps of:
prompting a user to identify at least one aspect of an existing application infrastructure of an application service provider utilizing a network;
~~inputting the at least one aspect of an existing application into a knowledge database;~~
receiving the identification of the at least one aspect of the existing application infrastructure utilizing the network;
translating the at least one aspect of the existing application infrastructure into a common structure, such that the common structure is stored in a knowledge base;
analyzing the ~~at least one aspect of the existing application infrastructure common structure~~ using a spreadsheet stored in a database, wherein the spreadsheet includes predefined rules and wherein the predefined rules are used to identify upgrades to the existing application infrastructure of the application service provider; and
displaying the upgrades proposing improvements to the existing application infrastructure of the application service provider based on the analysis utilizing the network.
 2. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one aspect includes an ability of the application service provider to deliver applications over the network.
 3. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of analyzing ~~compares~~ analyzes the at least one aspect of ~~[[an]]~~ the existing application infrastructure using against the predefined rules.
 4. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of assessing results of the analysis, and providing the user with the assessment.
 5. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the user is prompted to identify the at least one aspect of the existing application infrastructure by querying the user.

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6. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the ~~improvement-upgrades~~ includes-include adding components of the existing application infrastructure that are currently ~~missing absent therefrom~~.
7. (currently amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for improving an existing application infrastructure of an application service provider, comprising:
- a code segment for prompting a user to identify at least one aspect of an existing application infrastructure of an application service provider utilizing a network;
 - ~~a code segment for inputting the at least one aspect of an existing application into a~~ knowledge database;
 - a code segment for receiving the identification of the at least one aspect of the existing application infrastructure utilizing the network;
 - a code segment for translating the at least one aspect of the existing application infrastructure into a common structure, such that the common structure is stored in a knowledge base;
 - a code segment for analyzing the at least one aspect of the existing application infrastructure common structure using a spreadsheet stored in a database, wherein the spreadsheet includes predefined rules and wherein the predefined rules are used to identify upgrades to the existing application infrastructure of the application service provider; and
 - a code segment for displaying the upgrades ~~proposing improvements~~ to the existing application infrastructure of the application service provider based on the analysis utilizing the network.
8. (currently amended) The computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the at least one aspect includes an ability of the application service provider to deliver applications over the network.
9. (currently amended) The computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the code segment for analyzing ~~compares~~ analyzes the at least one aspect of ~~[[an]]~~ the existing application ~~infrastructure using against the~~ predefined rules.
10. (previously presented) The computer program as recited in claim 7, and further comprising a code segment for assessing results of the analysis, and providing the user with the assessment.

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11. (previously presented) The computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the user is prompted to identify the at least one aspect of the existing application infrastructure by querying the user.
12. (currently amended) The computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the improvement upgrades includes include adding components of the existing application infrastructure that are currently missing absent therefrom.
13. (currently amended) A system for improving an existing application infrastructure of an application service provider, comprising:
- logic for prompting a user to identify at least one aspect of an existing application infrastructure utilizing a network;
 - logic for inputting the at least one aspect of an existing application into a knowledge database;
 - logic for receiving the identification of the at least one aspect of the existing application infrastructure utilizing the network;
 - logic for analyzing the at least one aspect of the existing application infrastructure using a spreadsheet stored in a database; and
 - logic for proposing improvements to the existing application infrastructure based on the analysis utilizing the network.
14. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 13, wherein the at least one aspect includes an of the application service provider ability to deliver applications over the network.
15. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 13, wherein the logic for analyzing compares analyzes the at least one aspect of [[an]] the existing application infrastructure using against the predefined rules.
16. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 13, and further comprising logic for assessing results of the analysis, and providing the user with the assessment.

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17. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 13, wherein the user is prompted to identify the at least one aspect of the existing application infrastructure by querying the user.

18. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 13, wherein the improvement-upgrades ~~includes~~ include adding components of the existing application infrastructure that are currently ~~missing~~ absent therefrom.
